

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
February 5, 2004
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on February 5, 2004. First Selectwoman Evonne Klein called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Present were Selectmen Harrel, Miceli, Santarella and Thorne; and Town Counsel Wayne Fox and Administrative Officer John Crary.

First Selectwoman Klein said that the purpose of the meeting was to act on the resolution that was before the Board. Ms. Klein read the resolution and asked for a motion to adopt. Linda Santarella moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Barbara Thorne.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RESOLUTION RE ACQUISITION
OF PROCACCINI ROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien is desirous of acquiring land for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 17± acres of land of what is commonly referred to as the Procaccini parcel, located East of Hoyt Street and North of Wakemore Street within the Town of Darien are currently available for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the Town of Darien have had occasion to speak with Representatives of the Procaccini family over the last several years regarding a possible purchase; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Representatives of the Town of Darien that the Procaccini family is desirous of selling said property and is actively marketing the property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the First Selectwoman is authorized to meet with representatives of the Procaccini family in an attempt to negotiate with them and to arrive at an acceptable price for the purchase of said property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the First Selectwoman will report back to the full Board of Selectmen so that said Board can take appropriate action to consider the necessary step of approving a sum certain for the acquisition of said property.

Bob Harrell asked if there was any new information of this subject and moved to enter into executive session with Town Counsel to discuss. Seconded by Joseph Miceli and approved unanimously.

The Board returned to public session at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Klein asked the members of the Board if they had any comments on the proposed resolution that was before the Board.

Bob Harrel said that he would support the resolution but urged the members of the Board to schedule a public information session to educate and inform the community on all matters relating to the Procaccini property.

Dr. Joseph Miceli said that he was pleased to support the acquisition of this property and expressed the hope that the effort would be successful.

Linda Santarella said that she was also happy with the resolution. She commented that this action was the Board's top priority and it was important for the future of Darien.

Barbara Thorne said that she was excited by this act and she viewed this acquisition as a stewardship issue.

Evonne Klein said that the information and maps that have been prepared and distributed this week would be placed on the Town's web site. She said that she planned to participate in a number of public forums to provide an opportunity for public input. Ms. Klein also said that the Board of Finance has scheduled a vote on this matter for February 23 and she expects that the Board of Selectmen will meet again prior to the 23rd to vote on the acquisition. At that time a specific purchase price will be available.

The motion to approve the resolution authorizing the First Selectwoman to meet with and negotiate with the Procaccini family regarding the acquisition of the Procaccini property was approved with all members of the Board voting in the affirmative.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. Thorne and seconded by Dr. Miceli, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Crary
Administrative Officer